8. Bellary-Talur road.
9. Hosahalli-Hudam road.
10. Uchangidurga-Uchangipur road.
11. Ittagi-Mydur road.

(c) Will be examined subject to availability of funds.

K.B.M. ROAD IN BELLARY DISTRICT

981. Sri B. S. VEERABHADRAPPA (Kudligi) :—

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state :—

(a) when was the Kottur-Banavikallu-Meenakere (K.B.M. Road) road in Kudligi taluk of Bellary district sanctioned by the Government and the year in which the work was started and its estimated amount;

(b) whether this road work has been completed; if not, the reasons thereof and the time requird to complete it?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity) :—

(a) Technical sanction to this road work was accorded in 1966 and the work was started in the same year. Its estimated amount is Rs. 8,23,300.

(b) Except construction of two drains the rest of the road work is completed. The reasons for the delay is due to obstruction by the villagers in constructing the drain at 4/4 mile and due to washout of drain constructed already at 2/2 mile owing to floods. It may take six months time for completing these works.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

(but not takenup)

MURDER OF ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN OF S.A. COLLEGE OF COMMERCE, GULBARGA

42. Sri D. B. KALMANKAR (Afzalpur) :—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that one Sri Mahantappa Gurpadappa Pattan, Assistant Librarian in S.A. College of Commerce, Gulbarga

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was murdered between the night of 1st and 2nd March 1973 and his body was thrown on Ratkal Road under the Kalgi Police Station area;

(*b*) whether any investigation had taken place so far and if so, whether the murderer has been identified and arrested;

(*c*) the reasons for his murder?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) One incident of murder on or about 1st March 1973 near Kandgol village in the jurisdiction of Kalgi Police Station has come to notice. The murdered person is suspected to be one Mahantappa Gurpadappa Pattan, but the identity has not yet been established;

(*b*) Investigation of the case is in progress. The alleged murderer is not yet known. He has not been arrested;

(*c*) The matter is still under investigation.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

Re: (1) *the acute scarcity of drinking water in some taluks of Bijapur District.*

Sri P. M. BANGI (Jamkhandi).—Madam Speaker, I beg to call the attention of the Minister for Public Works and Electricity to the acute scarcity of drinking water in some taluks of Bijapur District.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity.—I state as follows.

Rabakavi—Banahatti and Jamkhandi are the towns having Municipal Bodies. They are provided with Urban Water Supply Schemes. These towns as also, 23 villages of Jamkhandi taluk, 23 villages of Bilgi taluk and 17 villages of Bagalkot taluk are situated on the banks of the River Krishna. The waters of the river Krishna are the life line for these towns and villages for drinking, irrigation and other purposes. Even in normal years of rainfall, the flow of water in the river go thin during summer months. During this year, due to scanty rainfall in the catchment area, the volume of flow of water in the river Krishna has decreased to an unprecedented extent. In consequence, supply of water in the water supply schemes and drinking water wells in the towns and villages have had its adverse effects causing scarcity of drinking water.